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REDEVELOPMENT PLANS ARE MOVING AHEAD

The Club's redevelopment plans are now beginning to take firm shape.

The most recent conference with the developer, which included representatives from the architects, consulting engineers, project managers and the builder, indicated that planning is at an advanced stage.

The concept is a two-tower development, comprising an international standard hotel in one tower and accommodation for our Club and another Club, together with high quality office space in the second tower.

A proposal under consideration is a bridge linking our development to the already commenced development across Castlereagh Street.

It is hoped that plans and models will be available for inspection at an early date.

It now appears that we may be required to vacate the premises somewhat earlier than anticipated, possibly end February or early March, 1989.

With this in mind, arrangements are now being finalised with the other city clubs who have offered their facilities to our members, and full information in regard to this will be provided at an early date.

Members are again reminded that the membership list will be closed upon vacation of the premises and that new members will not be accepted until the opening of the new premises, when substantial entrance fees will apply.

*David Dransfield,
Chairman.*

Honolulu Club

Our Club has received this letter from Mr. Haili Pokipala, Operations Manager of the Honolulu Club:

Effective immediately it has become necessary to amend our reciprocal agreement with your Club regarding club liability for outstanding charges incurred by our visiting members. The amendment is:

"All guest fees and incidental charges incurred by our visiting members will be guaranteed by personal major credit card upon arrival. Neither club shall be held liable for any outstanding charges incurred by the visiting reciprocal member."

CHAIRMAN HONoured

The Victorian Club, with which Tattersall's Club has reciprocal membership privileges, has bestowed Honorary Membership on our Chairman David Dransfield who greatly appreciates the distinction.

Mr. G.C. Croxford, chairman of the Victorian Club, has notified David of this in a letter which also informs him of the Club's new location in Melbourne's Rialto Building which he describes as Australia's newest landmark.

In the letter Mr. Croxford detailed his Club's dining room facilities and dress requirements, for

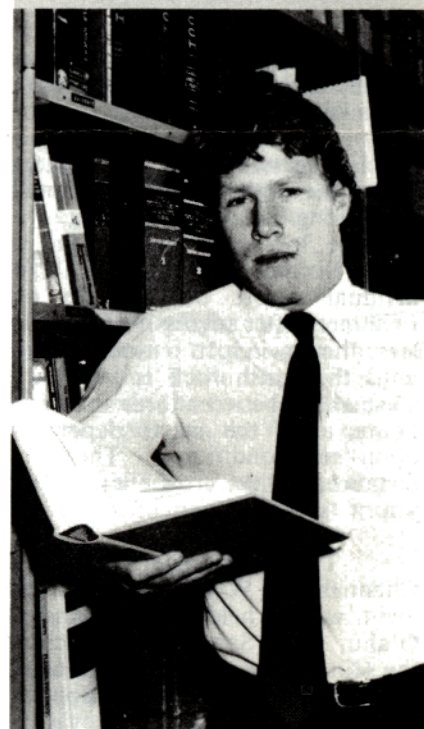
the information of visiting Tattersall's Club members. These are:

The Club opens Monday to Friday from noon. To gain admittance Tattersall's members must present current membership card or medallion.

Main dining room: Open for a la carte lunches noon - 2.30 p.m. Dinner available Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Dress: necktie and jacket for gentlemen; ladies to be suitably attired.

RUGBY SKIPPER OUR CELEBRITY GUEST



Life's not all fun and games for Nick Farr-Jones, here consulting a legal tome in his firm's city office.

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Our Maui Channel Relay Swim Challenge

Twenty-eight Tattersall's Club members will fly out of Sydney for Hawaii on August 26 to compete in the annual Maui Channel and Waikiki Roughwater Swims.

Maui Channel is the original U.S. Masters distance relay swim in open water.

The event begins from the island of Lanani and ends at a painted rock in Lahaina Harbour on Maui Island.

The swimmers will contend with some mighty rough water and a lot of long distance swimming.

Six-person teams in individual escort boats trade off swimmers after successive half-hour legs, then switch to ten-minute legs until the finish rock is touched. That will be between three and seven hours after the start, depending upon sea conditions. The total distance, as the crow flies, is 14.5 km.

Two days after the Maui Channel the Waikiki Roughwater Swim will be held on the island of O'ahu, from Sans Souci Beach to the Hilton Hawaii Village Rainbow Tower. The distance is approximately 3.86 km and the event is the largest open water swim of its kind in the world.



Some of the Tattersall's team swimmers placed second and fifth in the 1987 Maui Channel Relay Swim.

Tattersall's Club competed in both swims last year, placing second in the Maui Channel against 80 teams (480 swimmers). Two club members placed second and fifth in the Roughwater open and two others were placed in their respective age events.

We fully intend to win both events this year, becoming the first foreign country team to do so.

Some of our younger swimmers are being supported financially by other swimming members

making the trip.

Our Maui swimmers are: Robert Farrell, Tony Anderson, Max Mezker, Tim Ford, Steven Badger, Michael Gillis, John De Mestre, Paul De Mestre, Rob Miller, Phil Madden, Paul Le Strange, John Robson, Mark Houston, Wally Meeks, John Cooper, Chris Gorman, Adrian Bouris, John Murray, Andrew Torock, Tony Bland, Norm Rogers, Stuart McAllum, Tom Nolan, Mike Fairwether, John Barrell, Mike Stollery.

Tony Anderson

1987 - 88 CHAMPIONSHIPS

The season 1987 - 88 ended on 30th June with finals of the Championship events Results:

40 yards:

OPEN

1st	Mike Gillis	17.2 secs
2nd	Tony Anderson	
3rd	Chris Gorman	

"A" GRADE

1st	Rob Farrell	19.8 secs
2nd	Rod Austin	
3rd	David Robinson	

"B" GRADE

1st	Arthur Carney)	22.0 secs
1st	Bill Debney)	
3rd	Terry Forrest	

80 yards

OPEN

1st	Mike Gillis	41.7 secs
2nd	Tony Anderson	

(ONLY STARTERS)

"A" GRADE

1st	Rob Farrell	43.4 secs
2nd	Russell Debney	
3rd	Rod Austin	

The Ted Joye Honour Event for the old brigade resulted in a win for David Dind with Dan O'Connor second and Brian Harvey third. A great effort, David. Congratulations.

The end of the 1987 - 88 season did not mean an end to regular races in the pool.

On Thursday July 7 the off-season lap (100 yards) races commenced. A good attendance on that day required six heats, all keenly

contested. Let's keep up the good numbers as the races continue each Thursday at lunch time (from 1.15 p.m.) until the summer season begins in late September.

These races, now in full swing, have been popular events for the past few years and are now in full swing. Come in and join us on Thursdays if you have time for a splash in the pool and a bite to eat from the buffet.

By the time you read this the Swimming Club will have held its annual prize-giving function set down for August 12, in the Sportmen's room. Trophies won during the year will have been presented and the occasion offered an opportunity to farewell our contingent to compete in the Maui Channel swim.

Alan Ball

OUR GOLDEN OLDIES

Patrick Francis Hernon

Tattersall's Club member since 20.6.32

Pat is our Club's third longest standing member. Now living at Burradoo, NSW, he happily accepted your Editor's invitation to recall his cherished Tattersall's membership years.

Rather than do so in a phone call at absolutely no notice, however, he suggested that he "put a few notes on paper which you can edit".

Those "few notes" he mailed to me turned out to be an article requiring no editing. So here, in Pat's own words, are his recollections.

In 1932 when I was a Law student, one of Sydney's leading Solicitors of that time, John Hickey, asked me if I would care to be nominated by him to join Tattersall's.

I gratefully accepted his invitation and over the past fifty-six years have often pondered on the immensity of his good turn.

As my articulated clerk's salary was the princely sum of £1 per week I had to be heavily subsidised by my family, who paid the sub and entrance fee of twelve guineas, which in the depth of the depression was not a trifling amount.

Regarded strictly as an investment, this must rank as one of the most lucrative, by way of dividends received in good health and congenial fellowship, most of which in my case came from the Athletic Department.

The fringe benefits from the Club even filtered through during World War II, when I had the privilege of serving in the R.A.N.V.R. Voluntary Reserve alongside fellow member Cecil O'Dea, whose prowess in seamanship was a by-word in our squadron.

After the War I succumbed to a life-long urge to go on the land, taking up an undeveloped block near Inverell, NSW.

I must have loved the life, as I stayed there nearly thirty years leaving only because of a stern directive from Father Time. I wish the old fellow had held off for a few years: when I left in 1979 wool was priced around 220c per kilo, and is now nearly 1100c! Congratulation and good luck to all woolgrowers who are doing a great job for Australia's export income!

Bearing in mind the old adage of "Who but a fool gives advice", I would still like to tell young members who frequent the Athletic Department of the soundness of continuing this good habit in later life.

For the benefit of city dwellers, lambs are always designated by their year of birth e.g. 1988 drop. Well, in bush parlance, I am '09 drop', but I am more or less capable of swimming 200 yards, albeit with the bridge telegraph at 'dead slow ahead'!

For this, and all the other privileges, I am sincerely grateful to Tattersall's Club and I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to our Chairman and Committee for their empathy to us oldies."

Great Tournament Nearing Grand Final

This year's Annual Snooker Tournament has been Tattersalls clubs most successful.

At a time when the Club is winding down activities because of our pending vacation of the premises, our activities on the second floor have reached an all time high.

With the able assistance of our professional coach Paddy Morgan, the Billiards and Snooker sub-committee worked tirelessly to provide members with the first class snooker tournament but work was assisted by the co-operation of the contestants who at all times were most willing to play their matches when asked. I thank all players, for their co-operation.

The handicapping I feel very proud of, evidenced of the fact of having 37 Black ball games.

This years final was played between Eddie Charlton and "Digger" Lobb. Digger won the first frame with a dour effort but Eddie displayed all his great professional skills to win the final two frames, in fact Digger did not score a point in the final frames.

Congratulations to Eddie Charlton and commiseration to Digger Lobb who displayed great courage in defeat.

Frank Cooper and Bill Hurley played off for third and fourth.

The winner was Bill Hurley, who must be congratulated for his great efforts to finish in third place in the tournament. Congratulations also to Frank Cooper on finishing fourth.

Our championships are now in progress.

The second biggest handicap in our club is Jack Chown Christmas handicap. Nominations are now being taken and play will commence in September.

Our inter-club snooker team has again performed creditably this year under the company of Barry Cooper.

Unfortunately three of his best players were unable to participate this year, however fourteen members have responded to his call and so far they have won four and lost two.

New member Alan Jones has performed well and veteran Jeff Woollard has also been a tower of strength. Barry assures me they always win the eating competition come supper time.

As we expected to close next year, this is our last Annual Tournament, until we regroup in the rebuilt premises.

Hopefully, God willing, we will all be spared to enjoy each-others company again in the new premises. Good Luck to all members.

Doug Jordan.

RUGBY SKIPPER OUR CELEBRITY GUEST

The presence of Australia's Rugby Captain Nick Farr-Jones as guest speaker attracted more than 230 members and friends to Tattersall's Club luncheon on July 21.

He rewarded the near-capacity audience with a fascinating recollection of his football experiences at home and abroad liberally sprinkled with rollicking anecdote, some a little indelicate for publication.

Introducing Nick to the rostrum, Club Chairman David Dransfield complimented him and his team on their magnificent performance in the drawn second Test match against New Zealand.

Nick said: "It's a great pleasure to come here today to speak to such a distinguished company. Tattersall's Club obviously has a great tradition and is one of Sydney's most highly regarded clubs.

"Thank you David for your kind words about the drawn second Test of the New Zealanders' tour. We were certainly very satisfied to get away with that result...I say get away with it because the New Zealanders had the momentum in the second half and I remember hanging on desperately towards the end.

"That truly was a match of two halves. We totally dominated the first half and I might say that forty minutes of football was the best of which I've been a part.

"One thing that annoyed me slightly after the second Test was press criticism of the referee, blaming him for the result. I had no complaints at all about Mr. Anderson's refereeing. Anyhow, a referee calls the game as he sees it and no one should complain about that. We of the Sydney University Club never complain about the refereeing or anything else when we are beaten...possibly because we are used to it.

"Our fellows put in a really big effort. It was a great comeback from the first Test...You can't realistically expect to come back from fourteen-nil down...a score to which we contributed through some very simple errors. We didn't repeat those errors in the second Test.

"Rugby has been very good to me. Sometimes it does put you a little behind the eight-ball in certain aspects of your life. Perhaps at times I whinge a little that it's taken time for me to get through studies but my firm has been very helpful and, as my mother has said to me, you couldn't buy the experiences the game has given me.

"I appreciate that when I look back on the times football has taken me to the UK,

South America last year, the Continent, France, Italy, New Zealand numerous times ... although going to New Zealand is no great holiday, it's truly the Land of The Long White Cloud ...and Fiji. I also went to Monaco last year with a seven-a-side team that included fellows from New Zealand and a couple of New Zealanders. That was a great experience which took us first to London, then Lausanne, in Switzerland, before driving to Monaco.

"There are many other things you get out of Rugby and people associated with the game...lifetime friendships, good times. People who have been involved...and I hope a lot of those here have been... will know that.

"In 1984, when I played in my first Test in England on the grand slam Wallaby tour, my folks arrived in London on the Wednesday of what was to be a tremendous week. I had been included in the Test team on the previous night.

"I hadn't expected to be picked before Phillip Cox but that was one of the gambles Alan Jones took, although I'm certain he would have thought Phillip would have done the job admirably. He also picked Lynagh ahead of Walker and Cody went in for Roach. It was a big ask of young players. My selection was a great honour yet at the time I feared I was out of my depth.

Palace Visit

"On the Wednesday we went to Buckingham Palace and met the Queen and the Duke. That's the sort of thing you never forget. We had around a couple of hours there, talking with the Royals of everyday things.

"Two days before the Test match we went to the Savoy Hotel for what they call a Sportsmen's Luncheon in honour of the touring team...something similar to the Carbine Club Luncheon here.

"Sir Edward Heath was at the high table. Michael Hawker, my idol when I first arrived at University and now a very good friend, was then a new boy with Sydney's Citybank. He was seated with nine fellows from the London Citybank who had come to the luncheon to meet Michael.

"The Lord, as we call Michael -- Lord Hawker -- was hoping the bank would transfer him to London for a year or two. So before the luncheon he went across to Sir Edward and said, 'Look, I'm with these heavies from the bank. I don't know them but I hope to impress them and maybe get a pass to spend a couple of years over here in the London bank. Would you mind, towards the end of the luncheon, coming over and just pretending that we're mates?'

"Sir Edward, looking surprised, said, 'Well, it's a big thing you ask but you're a long way from home and a guest of honour here. So I'll make an exception to do you the favour of pretending we're buddies.'

"So the luncheon went on. Afterwards Sir Edward rose from the high table, walked to where Michael was seated, tapped him on the shoulder and said, 'Michael, it's fantastic to see you...It's been such a long time.' Michael responded, 'Not now Eddie...We're talking business.'

"Getting back to football, it's amazing when you go out there for Australia for the first time and become part of the action with such greats as Mark Ella, Steve Williams, Andy Slack, Roger Gould and company.

"The first half of that Test was really a shocking game of football. We won the match 19-3. I remember coming off so relieved. I'm sure you all know the feeling of relief when you might have feared you weren't quite up to the job but had performed pretty well.

"When we got back to our pub we settled down to a pretty lengthy session. I got over the top that night...absolutely hammered. Steve Williams, whom we call Swill, and I lingered on until about 4 a.m. when the bar closed. Swill and I then went out looking

for something to eat. There wasn't a lot on offer but we found a Greek style cafeteria which had good old chicko rolls and that sort of thing.

"I ordered meat balls and Swill a chicko roll. A few minutes later out came the proprietress, a quite large Greek woman with a bit of sweat on the brow. She was carrying a plate and my meat balls were under her arm. I asked her, why and she said, 'To keep them warm from the oven to the table.' I turned them down. Swill, somewhat sheepishly said, 'I'll put a hold on my chicko roll, thank you.'

Hard Earned

"Looking back I think that tour was the highlight of my football career. I said later it was all too easy. That was a rather silly thing to say. What I had meant was that the people around me made it easier than I had expected in a Test match...the forward pack delivering the ball quickly and cleanly and played inside or outside someone like Mark Ella.

"Still the victories were hard-earned...the effort we put in on that trip was monumental. I have since learned just how difficult winning Test matches can be."

At the conclusion of Nick's speech David Dransfield invited Committeeman Malcolm Stening to tender him a vote of thanks and present to him honorary membership of Tattersall's Club.

Malcolm said the Australian team's magnificent performance in holding the All Blacks to a draw in the second Test exemplified the courage, integrity and Australian spirit of the amateur game.

He then presented honorary Club membership to Nick. The audience acclaimed the gesture in a standing ovation.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Members are advised to book early for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon on November 1. Last year's function was a great success and heavy bookings are anticipated.

NEW MEMBERS

Stephen William Badger
Swimming School Proprietor
Christopher John Betar
Chartered Accountant
Adrian John Bouris
Solicitor
Tung Cheng
Company Director
John Alan Cooper
Account Manager
Christopher Bruce Craigie
Barrister
Mark Wain Houston
Solicitor
William King
Company Director
Robert Burgess Leece
Civil Engineer
Paul Vernon L'Estrange
Real Estate Agent
Garry William McKay
Bank Manager
John Michael Nelson
Solicitor
Wayne Smith
Barrister
John Maxwell Young
Chartered Accountant

OUR BOWLERS BREAK THE ICE

Our bowlers have won the Laurie Taylor Trophy from city Tattersall's for only the second time in approximately ten years of this annual contest.

The eleven rinks a side triples match was played at the City Bowling Club on Tuesday August 2.

Tattersall's scored 202 shots to City Tattersall's 181, an excellent result proving that our bowlers still have the skills to produce top performance.

Delightful weather and the City Club's beautiful greens sweetened our success.

A reminder to members that we will journey to Terrigal by bus on Monday September 19 to play Newcastle Tattersall's. The Bus will leave City Bowling Club at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 6.30 p.m.

All are welcome. Intending players should contact Staff Callinan (358-4284) or Jim Whyte (358-3856) to ensure that their names are recorded.

Jim Whyte